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SUBJ: SIAD'S WEAPONS REQUEST

REF: MOGADISCIO 1295

1. AMBASSADOR ADDOU CALLED AT RESIDENCE EVENING OF JULY 29 TO RELAY MSSAGES HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT SIAD PREVIOUS NIGHT. ADDOU WILL DEPART MOGADISCIO FOR WASHINGTON SUNDAY JULY 31 CARRYING PERSONAL LETTER FROM SIAD TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. ADDOU TOLD ME THAT SIAD SUMMONED RANKING SOVIET REP TO PRESIDENTIAL COMPOUND WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 27 AND WARNED HIM THAT IF SOVIET UNION INCREASED MILITARY DELIVERIES TO ETHIOPIA, MOSCOW WOULD THEREBY QTE INTERNATIONALIZE UNQTE SITUATION, PRE-SUMABLY TO DETRIMENT USSR. SIAD THEN TOLD SOVIETS THAT IF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT WAS USED BY ETHIOPIANS AGAINST SOMALIS, GSDR WOULD REGARD THIS AS HOSTILE ACT BY SOVIET UNION.

3. SIAD TOLD ADDOU THAT HE URGENTLY NEEDED MILITARY WEAPONS.

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IF US COULD NOT MOVE QUICKLY IN PROVIDING SIME OF ITEMS ON SOMALI LIST, HE ASKED THAT US AT LEAST GIVE APPROVAL TO IRAN FOR THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS TO SOMALIA. SIAD EVIDENTLY TOLD ADDOU THAT COMING TWO WEEKS WAS CRITICAL PERIOD. HE SAID US WEAPONS MUST REACH SOMALIA WIHIN THIS TIME FRAME, IF NOT FROM US DIRECTLY THEN VIA IRAN.

4. SIAD ALSO ASKED ADDOU TO SOUND OUT HIS FELLOW AFRICAN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON ON POSSIBILITY OF RAISING HUE-AND-CRY AGAINST CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA. SIAD IS EVIDENTLY RELUCTANT TO TAKE LEAD HIMSELF IN CALLING FOR HAVANA TO WITHDRAW ITS CUBAN ADVISORS FROM AFRICA BUT HE WOULD LIKE ADDOU TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES -- PERHAPS AFRICAN MODERATES IN WEST AFRICA -- TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ANTI-CUBAN CAMPAIGN.

5. I TOLD ADDOU THAT CUBAN POSITION IN AFRICA WAS IN PART OF SOMALI'S OWN MAKING SINCE GSDR HAD INVITED CUBANS TO SOMALIA. I ALSO REMINDED ADDOU OF DELAYS IN GETTING WEAPONS APPROVALS THROUGH WASHINGTON BUREAUCRACY, AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECY SEELYE HAD RECENTLY TOLD ADDOU, BUT THAT I WOULD PASS MESSAGE ON

6. ADDOU PLANS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1. TWO-MEN MILITARY DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE TOWARDS MIDDLE OF WEEK OF AUGUST 1-7. ADDOU HOPES TO RETURN TO MOGADISCIO AUGUST 6TH.

7. COMMENT: I AM OF SEVERAL MINDS REGARDING URGENCY OF SIAD'S

NEED FOR WEAPONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SIAD IS DEEPLY FEARFUL THAT SNA WEAPONS LOSSES AND POSSIBLE SOVIET RESUPPLY TO ETHIOPIA WILL ENABLE ETHIOPIANS, PERHAPS WITH CUBAN HELP, TO TAKE BACK THE OGADEN TERRITORIES SOMALI GUERRILLA FORCES HAVE LIBERATED. BUT
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OUR VIEW OF OGADEN PICTURE, TOGETHER WITH ACUTE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY DISTRESS -- INCLUDING ADJUSTMENT TO NEW TYPE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT -- DOESN'T ENCOURAGE SUCH SCEPTICISM. PERHAPS WE ARE WRONG. PERHAPS SIAD'S MILITARY STOCKS HAVE BEEN MORE SERIOUSLY DEPLETED THAN WE REALIZE. OR PERHAPS -- AFTER YEARS OF ESTRANGEMENT FROM US -- HE IS USING THIS SO-CALLED EMERGENCY TO TEST OUR POLITICAL FAITH, BELIEVING THAT IF WE WILL NOT AID HIM IN A TIME OF NEED, WE MAY NOT AID HIM AT ALL.

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